

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5532**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DEP to establish pollinator habitat program for closed landfills.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/11/2019)**

1 AN ACT concerning pollinator habitat at closed landfills and  
2 supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Animal pollinator” means any bee, butterfly, moth, wasp, fly,  
9 beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal that is known to pollinate  
10 plants.

11 “Closed landfill” means any legacy landfill or closed sanitary  
12 landfill facility, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2013, c.69 (C.13:1E-  
13 125.1).

14 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall within  
15 their existing budget establish a program to encourage the owner or  
16 operator of any closed landfill to transform the landfill into habitat  
17 that supports animal pollinators using native plants where possible.  
18 The department shall create guidelines and best practices for  
19 establishing and maintaining pollinator habitat on a closed landfill  
20 no later than six months after the effective date of this act.

21 c. The department shall seek and encourage corporate  
22 sponsorship and non-profit partnerships for the creation and  
23 maintenance of pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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# STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to  
31 establish a program that encourages the owner or operator of a  
32 closed landfill to transform the landfill into habitat that supports  
33 animal pollinators using native plants where possible. The  
34 department is also required to create guidelines and best practices  
35 for establishing and maintaining pollinator habitat on closed  
36 landfills no later than six months following the effective date of this  
37 act. Furthermore, the department is required to seek and encourage  
38 corporate sponsorship and non-profit partnerships for the creation and  
39 maintenance of pollinator habitat on closed landfills.

40 As defined in the bill, “animal pollinator” means any bee,  
41 butterfly, moth, wasp, fly, beetle, ant, hummingbird, bat, or animal  
42 that is known to pollinate plants. Further, “Closed landfill” means  
43 any legacy landfill or closed sanitary landfill facility.